

been deleted from claims 1 and 18. (Claim 4 was canceled without prejudice) With respect to claim 13, it will be appreciated that the word "member" appearing in claim 1 has been substituted for the word "means", thereby remedying the §112 rejection.

With respect to "Priority", it will be appreciated that the section of the application entitled "Cross Reference to related Applications has been amended to recite the current status of the related applications.

With respect to the oath being defective, a new oath will be provided updating the current status of the applications for which priority is being claimed.

With respect to the drawings, openings 98 are properly shown in Figure 7. They are not in the embodiment shown in Figure 2. With respect to the remaining objections, it will be appreciated that the suggested corrections have been made as shown in attached sheets 4/12 to 8/12 for which approval is requested.

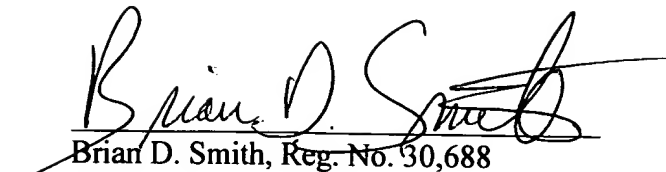
A petition for a three month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 in which to respond to the Office Action is also attached along with the form for payment of the extension fee by credit card.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration are requested and allowance is solicited at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Clean Sheet of Amended Claims

1. A suspension system for in-line skates comprising:  
a wheel support member for rotatably supporting one or more wheels of an in-line skate wherein each skate has a boot and plurality of wheels attached to the bottom of the boot;

5 attaching means for pivotally attaching said wheel support member at a single pivot point to the bottom of the skate boot and allowing said wheel support member to move horizontally relative to the boot at the pivot point; and

10 shock absorbing means located between the boot bottom and said wheel support member for cooperating with said attaching means so that said shock absorbing means is engaged when said wheel support member pivots at the pivot point or moves relative thereto.

13. A suspension system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said bottom of the boot includes a sole plate to which said wheel support member is pivotally attached by said attaching means.

18. An improved in-line skate having a boot and plurality of wheels attached to the bottom of the boot, wherein the improvement comprises:

a front and a rear suspension system, each of which includes:

5 a wheel support member for rotatably supporting one or more wheels of the in-line skate;

attaching means for pivotally attaching said wheel support member at a single pivot point to the bottom of the boot and allowing said wheel support member to move horizontally relative to the boot at the pivot point; and

10 shock absorbing means located between the boot bottom and said wheel support member for cooperating with said attaching means so that said shock absorbing means is engaged when said wheel support member pivots at the pivot point or moves horizontally relative to the boot at the pivot point.